



## Important Information About Your Medical Plans

# Retiree Benefit Focus

Department of Administration, Office of Group Insurance

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### ELIGIBLE RETIREES MAY USE SICK LEAVE FUNDS TO PAY FOR MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT, ADVANTAGE OR PART D PLANS WITH THE FOLLOWING CARRIERS:

The Office of Group Insurance has agreements with Blue Cross of Idaho, Regence BlueShield of Idaho, AARP/United Health Care, and Bankers Life & Casualty which allow State retirees age 65 and over to use their Unused Sick Leave funds to pay premiums for Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage, or Medicare Part D Prescription plans underwritten by any of these four carriers. The Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (**PERSI**) will also deduct the premium from your monthly retirement benefit when your Sick Leave funds have been exhausted if you choose a plan through one of these carriers.

If you are interested in reviewing the Medicare supplement plan options available from one of these four carriers, you can contact them during their regular office hours listed below:

**Blue Cross of Idaho: 1-888-492-2583**

Hours: Seven Days a Week  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (MST)

**Bankers Life & Casualty: 208-232-4937**

Outside Idaho: 1-877-488-7050  
Hours: Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (MST)

**Regence BlueShield of Idaho: 1-888-734-3623**

Hours: Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (MST)

(Includes Regence affiliates in Washington, Oregon, and Utah,  
and Asuris Northwest Health)

**AARP/United Health Care: 1-877-791-9964**

Hours: Seven Days a Week  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (MST)



Department of Administration  
Office of Group Insurance:

1-800-531-0597  
(Boise Area: (208) 332-1860)  
[ogi@adm.idaho.gov](mailto:ogi@adm.idaho.gov)

## Insurance Information Contacts

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**[www.adm.idaho.gov/insurance/insurance.html](http://www.adm.idaho.gov/insurance/insurance.html)**

### Senior Health Insurance Benefit Advisors Program (SHIBA)

**1-800-247-4422 within Idaho**

(Boise Area: (208) 334-4353)

**[www.doi.state.id.us/SHIBA/shibahealth.aspx](http://www.doi.state.id.us/SHIBA/shibahealth.aspx)**



Return Services Requested

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This publication presents general benefit information. In the event of any conflict between the information in this publication and the Plan provisions, the Plan documents and insurance contracts will govern.

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**Important Information About**  
**Your State Retiree Medical Plans**

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